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Yeggman's Change Causes
Interest Among Local
Police Circles.

GOT 10 YEARS FOR
JOB IN BRIDGEPORT

Supt. Birmingham Recalls
Attempt of Crackman
To Blow Safe.

Completing a prison sentence of 10 years in Sing Sing is James E. Murphy, alias Canada Blacky, one of the most dangerous crooks the local police department ever dealt with. A director of the State Reformatory in Cheshire, Conn., addressed a gathering Sunday evening in this city and he spoke upon the manner in which prisoners may be reformed. He referred in particular to the case of Canada Blacky, a prisoner at Sing Sing and who at the time of his confinement was feared by all the attendants at the prison as he had repeatedly threatened to kill the warden and trustees. After two years confinement under the regime of Warden Thomas Mott Osborne, Canada Blacky has shown a disposition to reform and is now reputed to be one of the most trusted prisoners at the penal institution.

Supt. Eugene Birmingham's attention was called to the change in "Canada Blacky." He expressed considerable surprise as he knew "Blacky" as a most dangerous criminal. Canada Blacky with two others, Connecticut Blacky and New York Whitey, attempted to blow the safe at the office in Eckart's brewery on North avenue about 22 years ago. It was late in November, said the superintendent, and it was a raw winter evening when on making his rounds at 2 o'clock in the morning the watchman at the brewery was felled with a blow from a large club and as he was endeavoring to rise he received a bullet wound in his left shoulder. The shot was fired by Canada Blacky. The safe was not blown but the yeggs' outfit was strewn about the floor when the employees reported for work in the morning. The gang was preparing to "blow" the safe when the watchman on his early morning tour detected the trio at

work. He was left unconscious on the floor of the brewery until the arrival of the workmen in the morning, when he was removed to the Bridgeport hospital, where he later recovered. He is alive to-day but his abiding place is unknown at present.

The matter was reported to the police and a squad under the leadership of Capt. Eugene Birmingham, Detective George Arnold and Acting-Detective Edward O. Cronan scoured the countryside the next day in a vain search for the yeggs. The Pinkerton Detective Agency of New York were called in on the case. They soon discovered, with the aid of Capt. Birmingham, that the job was attempted by "Canada Blacky," "Connecticut Blacky," and "New York Whitey." They were rounded up in Newark, N. J., and evidence was procured later which forced them to confess to participation in the attempted robbery. The question then arose as to who fired the shot that almost fatally wounded the watchman and all three denied having fired the shot. New York Whitey turned state's evidence when the trio were arraigned in Superior court and he was released while Canada Blacky and Connecticut Blacky were sentenced to 10 years in the Connecticut State Prison at Wethersfield.

Superintendent Birmingham recalled the last words of Canada Blacky as he was about to board a train for Wethersfield. Blacky said to Whitey: "Whitey, you squealed and we've got to take our medicine but the last act I'll do in this world will be to wring your heart's blood from you." That was the last the superintendent has seen of Canada Blacky and the latter had virtually slipped his memory until he read the account in a daily paper. Whitey is said to have gone insane worrying over the threat and he died at Wethersfield a year later.

Canada Blacky and Connecticut Blacky served their time in Wethersfield and left this vicinity. The local police had not heard of their whereabouts until yesterday when Supt. Birmingham read the news item concerning the reformation at Sing Sing. Police authorities of Connecticut have been heard to remark that the once dangerous yeggman is fast vanishing and that much relief has been enjoyed in the last five years. Superintendent Eugene Birmingham, who has probably had as much experience with men of this character as any other police official in this state said to-day that yeggmans of the real type are fast vanishing. He says that house burglars are harmless prisoners in comparison to them. A yegg is the most dangerous crook to be handled, in his opinion, but the pickpocket is the "safest" of all criminals. His nearest competitor is the "stone-man," one who lifts a stickpin from the necktie of an unwary citizen. He also said that

nine out of ten porch climbers will fail to shoot, even though hard pressed, but that a yegg will shoot without the least provocation should he believe he is cornered.

Yeggmans have a gibberish of their own, in the belief of the belief of the superintendent. He recalls one instance in the old police headquarters in the basement of the present city hall where two yeggs were locked up. One of them was a local man, born here, and one of the cleverest of his kind. The clerk of the police department was hidden in a cell at headquarters and with paper and pencil in hand he listened to the talk of the two yeggs in an endeavor to procure evidence that would lead to their conviction in court the next morning. Suddenly the yeggs started to talk in what is called the "yegg gibberish," a confusion of languages. After a two hours wait the clerk was forced to leave his place of seclusion and give up his endeavor to procure evidence that would lead to a conviction.

Yeggmans, in the olden times were "classy" dressers, according to the superintendent and with straps about their shoulders, they would carry suspended a belt that held their kit of tools. This belt would be a Prince Albert coat and a stranger would be unable to single out one of these gentlemen as a yegg. In a high silk hat would be carried nitro-glycerine and sticks of dynamite. These were called "gentlemen burglars" and they were very active in this neighborhood as far back as 20 years ago. They carried canes made of lead with outer coverings of oak. With these they dealt crushing blows to persons who crossed them.

After a successful job the gang repaired to Albany, or Buffalo, where they enjoyed a luxurious life until they were hard pressed for money. They would then discard their jewelry and get ready for business. A member of the gang would be singled out to act as the "gay cat" and he was what might be termed an advance agent for a troupe of yeggs. He would reconnoiter and report to the gang the most likely place to make a haul.

Among the most dangerous yeggs with whom the local police have had to deal with in the past were: "Canada Blacky," "Connecticut Blacky," "New York Whitey," "Kid" McManus, George Faith, George Murphy and a local man whose parents live in this city at the present time. He has left Bridgeport. McManus, Faith, Murphy and the local man were the gang that blew the safe in Eckart's jewelry store more than 20 years ago. In perusing the contents of a detective publication, which is sent to all police departments in the United States, Supt. Birmingham discovered the picture of Jack Mason, alias "Clay Wilson," a professional goldbrick man, and who is now in the custody of the department of police of Altoona, Pa. Mason was one of three goldbrick men who worked the game on three Chinamen in this city 20 years ago last week. He was arrested lately with a pal, E. A. Starkloff, and both men are now awaiting trial in Altoona. Mason is about 62 years old.

New Indian Policy.

For the first time since the Government assumed the guardianship of Indians and their property, a definite Indian policy has been announced in Secretary Lane's declaration that the purpose of the Indian Bureau must be to equip all Indians for full citizenship and self-government as fast as possible. To this end, first steps have already been taken towards turning loose those Indian wards who are now capable of administering their own affairs, and towards placing upon a preparatory list those others who may be considered competent within the near future.

In the education of the Indians, the new aim is towards such academic and vocational instruction as will fit Indian boys and girls for the parts they must play in life, rather than to overtrain and over-educate them, unfitting them for useful work among their native environment.

Denial was made by the State Department of the report that Henry Morgenthau, Ambassador to Turkey, intended to resign on his return to the United States.

Picturesque Work Among Kentucky Mountaineers.

Strange to say, the widespread existence of trachoma within the United States waited many years for official "discovery." Trachoma is a disease of the eyes that often leads to total blindness and is easily communicable. This discovery came a little over three years ago when Doctor J. A. Stuckey of Lexington, Kentucky, called the attention of the federal authorities to the numerous cases of trachoma in the Kentucky mountains. Surgeon John McMullen, who had experience with trachoma patients at the New York and Philadelphia immigration stations, conducted an investigation. Of 4,000 mountaineers examined, it was found that 500 had trachoma. In consequence hospitals were established; three in Kentucky, one in Virginia and one in West Virginia; at Jackson, London and Hindman, Kentucky and at Coeburn, Virginia and Welch, West Virginia. These hospitals had over 1,700 cases and performed 193 eye operations last October.

Only a few years ago the sort of vision from trachoma. Government who was familiar in the Kentucky mountains, carried a Winchester. He was looking for secret whiskey stills and was venturing upon a dangerous errand among a very hostile people. The Good Samaritan from the Public Health Service, upon his errand of love and charity, has now become as thoroughly an established character in this rugged region as the Internal Revenue Agent used to be. Probably no other influence has served more effectively to bring the outside world into close and friendly relations with the mountaineers.

"That these people realize and appreciate what we are doing for them," said the medical officer in charge of trachoma work at the headquarters of the Public Health Service in Washington recently, "was impressed upon me by an incident which occurred when I was at the Hindman Hospital not long since."

An old man brought in his son who was badly afflicted with trachoma. It was decided that an operation was necessary, but the boy overheard us tell his father this. "The lad slipped out and ran away home. It was twenty miles across the mountains. The father and son had walked these twenty miles to the hospital. The father at once walked back, found his son, and repeated the long foot-journey into Hindman the next day, where the operation was performed and the boy cured. That meant a sixty mile trip on foot—hard rough going all the way—by the parent to force his son to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Government."

"When we see these things we know our work is well worth doing."

The appeal of such incidents to the hearts of a simple, natural and kindly people is manifest. There was the case of a mother of four children, none of whom she had ever seen. The vision of both eyes was so far impaired by trachoma that in bright sunlight she could not recognize anyone. Following brief treatment at one of the mountain hospitals, she returned to her family and saw her children for the first time.

There was an old man who was led forty miles across the mountains for treatment. Though blind for years, his vision was restored and he returned home without escort.

OLD MANUFACTURER OF WOODBURY DEAD

Woodbury, Conn., Feb. 4.—Walter S. Curtis, for half a century prominently identified with the industrial life of the community, died last night at his home here of heart trouble. Mr. Curtis was born here in 1835 and formerly conducted silk and woolen mill in Woodbury which was burned in 1905. He then retired from active business. The mill had been built by his father, Daniel Curtis, who left it to three sons, one of whom was Walter.

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